



## Society of Military Widows joins SaveOurBenefit coalition

SaveOurBenefit

We'd like to officially welcome the Society of Military Widows (SMW) as a valued associate member of The Coalition to Save Our Military Shopping Benefits. SMW has been standing with #SaveOurBenefit to help protect our service members and their families' EARNED commissary and exchange benefits. We thank them for their support and advocacy on behalf of surviving families. [READ MORE](#)

## DoD: No timeline on opening online exchange to vets

Military.com

A Defense Department plan that would open online shopping at the exchange systems to all honorably discharged veterans has no timeline for completion, officials said. The proposal, originally submitted to the DoD by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service in spring 2014, also has the support of the Marine Corps and Navy Exchange services. [READ MORE](#)

## New CEO named for Wounded Warrior Project

The Associated Press

Michael Linnington has been named the CEO of nonprofit the Wounded Warrior Project, which has come under fire for its spending practices. Linnington has been serving as director of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency. [READ MORE](#)

## Senate votes to scale back federal job preferences for veterans

The Washington Post

The Senate version of the vast military policy bill that now heads to conference with the House would knock out one of the advantages veterans enjoy when they apply for federal work. They would continue to get a leg up over non-veterans to get a foot in the door. But once they're in government and want to be considered for another federal post, they would no longer go to the head of the hiring queue. [READ MORE](#)

## The Pentagon's controversial plan to hire military leaders off the street

Military Times (tiered subscription model)

Defense Secretary Ash Carter wants to open the door for more "lateral entry" into the military's upper ranks, clearing the way for lifelong civilians with vital skills to enter the officer corps as high as the O-6 paygrade. Aimed to help the military bring in more top talent, especially for high-tech career fields, critics say it could create a subculture of service members that wouldn't be connected to the traditional force. [READ MORE](#)